

A Terrestrial Zodiac for the Lemegeton --by Julian Kenwick

If the 72 beings of the Arte Goetia are more closely related to the physical world (or indeed to the Underworld, as many believe) than they are to the Celestial realms, we may well ask why the text suggests that they should be organized in zodiacal terms.

This issue is also of interest since the text suggests the importance of knowing the direction from which individual spirits are to be called.

There are clear references in the text such as "appears when the Sun is in Sagittarius"—but the definitive manner in which the Zodiac is applicable to these beings has continued to remain elusive.

In the case of the spirit Beleth, we are instructed to make a triangle "in the South and East quarters" as an example of the concern with direction.

In this proposal, I suggest that we must begin on the Earth, and with regard to the Earth, if we are to conceptualise the connection of such Earth-linked beings to the sky above it.

Before we can proceed, we must settle upon a scheme of the relationships between the Seasons of the Earth, the Directions of Space, and the Elements of the Wise.

The Golden Dawn (lower grades) system of Directions/Elements is the dominant system at present, for the most part because it was adopted by Gerald Gardner in his synthesis of modern Wicca.

This system was most likely inaugurated by S.L. Macgregor Mathers, but if you read what he actually says in the Golden Dawn papers, he does not firmly assert that, for example, Water is to be thought of as in the West, and Earth as in the North.

Rather, he says that they are sometimes one, and sometimes the other, and that therefore, they "vibrate".

There are other systems, but the one that will interest us here is that of Alchemy, for the simple reason that it explains how one Agricultural Season evolves into the next in Elemental terms during the turning of the Wheel of the Year.

In the very ancient world it was common to regulate the activities of agriculture by timing them with reference to the positions of the Sun along the ecliptic, and many megalithic circles were built with the purpose of facilitating this timing.

The most obvious Stations of the Sun were at the Equinoxes and the Solstices. The beginnings of the actual agricultural seasons in the Northern Hemisphere could then be determined as the half way points between these Solar stations.

Agricultural Spring can be said to begin at the coming into milk of the ewes, which occurs halfway between the Winter Sostice and the Spring Equinox. Agricultural Summer may be said to begin when the leaves are filling in on the canopies of the trees, which occurs halfway between the Spring Equinox and the Summer Solstice.

Agricultural Autumn may be said to begin halfway between the Summer Sostice and the Autumn Equinox, when the earliest grain harvest is possible. Agricultural Winter may be said to begin halfway between the Autumn Equinox and the Winter Solstice, when the leaves are mostly fallen from the trees.

These were the seasons of the Earth, as they were experienced with the maximum relevance by our ancestors. The so-called seasons which are designated by modern astronomy begin on the four main stations of the Sun, and actually correspond to the Peaks of the Agricultural Seasons.

When people think of the Zodiac, they most often are imagining the diagram called the Horoscope, which is used in astrological analysis of birth times, divinitory questionings, and the selection of favorable occasions for specific activities.

The Zodiac, however, need not be diagrammed as a horoscope, but may be "brought down to earth" in another, rather different diagram called the Wheel of the Year.

The Wheel of the Year relates the Agricultural Seasons to the Zodiac in the following manner.

(It is best to imagine this Wheel as drawn upon the floor or the ground, and that you are standing inside it looking East, rather like a magical circle.)

Each of twelve divisions around the perimeter of this circle or Wheel is inscribed with a sign of the Zodiac. Thus whatever time of the year it may be, the position of the Sun in the zodiac in the sky is represented by a similar symbol on the perimeter of this terrestrial Wheel.

The order of the Zodiacal symbols on the Wheel of the Year is clockwise, beginning at Due East as the representation of the Spring Equinox and the start of the sign Aries. Moving to the right as we turn our bodies along the Wheel, we come next to Taurus, then to Gemini.

At the end of Gemini and the beginning of Cancer, we reach the Summer Solstice.

From there we pass through Cancer, Leo, Virgo, and come to the Autumn Equinox at Libra. We are now facing West.

Continuing in a clockwise direction, we cross Scorpio, Sagittarius, then the Winter Solstice at the beginning of Capricorn. Next comes Aquarius and

Pisces, then we have returned to the beginning of Aries at the new Spring Equinox.

This direction of movement is called "deosil" and it reflects the fact that if we begin by facing the rising of the Sun, and track it across the sky, it will appear to move southward until it attains its highest point of the day, and then appear to move northward until setting in the West. This is a movement to our right when we are facing East at the beginning of the journey.

The Wheel of the Year brings us to each sign in the order in which the Sun will occupy them during the course of the year, as we turn in the same direction which the Sun follows as it crosses the sky during the day.

It will now be of interest to link the Wheel of the Year to the Agricultural Seasons, and thereby to the Elements and the Directions.

Air is said to be wet and warm. Fire is said to be warm and dry. Earth is said to be dry and cold. Water is said to be cold and wet..

In the Wheel of the Year, it will be seen that the halfway point between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox, which is the beginning of the Agricultural Season of Spring, corresponds to the Sun being at the mid-point of the sign Aquarius.

As we move around the Wheel from that mid-point in Aquarius, we pass through Due East and on to the end of the Agricultural Spring season at the point halfway through the sign Taurus.. The weather during this period of time, while the Sun is transiting the Eastern Quarter of the Wheel, is wet and getting warmer. This corresponds to the Air of the Wise.

From mid-Taurus to mid-Leo, we traverse the Southern Quarter of the Wheel, Agricultural Summer, and the weather is warm and becoming increasingly dry--it is the Fire of the Wise.

From mid-Leo to mid-Scorpio we traverse the Western Quarter of the Wheel, Agricultural Autumn, and the weather is dry and becoming cooler. This is the Earth of the Wise.

From mid-Scorpio to mid-Aquarius, we traverse the Northern Quarter of the Wheel, Agricultural Winter, and the weather is cold and becoming wet. This is the Water of the Wise.

So now we have a correlation of the Elements, the Agricultural Seasons and the Directions, East -Spring-Air, South-Summer-Fire, West-Autumn-Earth, and North-Winter-Water-- but there is yet a complication that we must address.

Why is it that Summer on the Earth is represented on the Wheel of the Year as being in the South, when the Sun is actually as far North as it gets in the Sky above us?

In astrology the signs of Winter in the Sky are called the "southern signs" and the signs of Summer in the Sky are called the "northern signs". There is no difficulty understanding the Wheel of the Year in terms of the East and the West, but this North -South reversal of the Sky may seem puzzling.

Let us go back to ancient measuring devices, the barrows, stone circles, and temples.

A shaft of sunlight passed through a hole or notch facing Due East at sunrise on the Spring Equinox.

As the weather warmed and Spring progressed, the Sun moved to the left on the horizon, towards the North in the Sky, and the shaft of light moved to the right, and thus to the South, in the Grange, or Temple--on the floor, the wall, a column, or a pillar.

When the Sun reached it's furthest station along the horizon to the North and on the left of the observer facing East, it paused for the three days called the Summer Solstice. In the Sky it was at the beginning of the zodiac sign Cancer.

In the Temple, the beam of light coming through the hole in the ceiling was at it's furthest point to the right, in the South, and at the start of the sign Cancer on the floor of the Temple in the diagram of the Wheel of the Year. This arrangement was still being enacted in Cathedrals up to modern times.

Now we may examine some suggestions about the zodiacal and directional attribution of the Lemegeton Goetia beings.

Since there is a relation between the Wheel of the Year and the Zodiac in the Sky, if there is a magical tradition of dividing the zodiac in the sky into 72 parts, it might throw some light upon a division of 72 on the Earth in the Wheel of the Year.

The angelic beings derived from the Extended Name of God, called the angels of the Schemhamephoresch, are distributed through the Zodiac in precisely this 72 fold manner.

In the early 17th century, there was a scholar-magician named Dr Thomas Rudd, a man who knew Queen Elizabeth's court astrologer, Dr John Dee. Dr Rudd practiced summoning the beings listed in the Lemegeton.

Dr. Rudd practiced his magic as though there were a one to one correlation between the angels of the Schemhamephoresch and the daimons of the Lemegeton.

He inscribed the seal of an angel of the Schemhamephoresch on the reverse side of every Lemegeton beings seal.

Scholars such as Aaron Leitch assert that there is no relation, historical or otherwise, between these two groups of 72 beings.

For example, the Schem angels were derived by a process of Cabbalistic analysis of verses in the Hebrew Bible, and the origins of the Lemegeton entities are unknown--although there is some indication that they belong in a context of Greek and Egyptian myth and shamanic traditions from east and north of the Black Sea.

While it is certainly true that there is no historical derivation in the way meant by Aaron Leitch, it is also true that Dr Rudd was a practitioner of magic in the period during which the Lemegeton was compiled, and that his practice may well represent the opinion of mages in that era that such a connection should be Creatively Established for practical purposes.

My suggestion is that the directions and elemental attributions of the Lemegeton beings may be inferred by projecting the Schem angels from the Zodiac in the Sky down into the Wheel of the Year, and then comparing the characterizations of these angels (leNains account) and the characterizations of the Lemegeton beings, and matching the two to the most plausible equivalence.

This will ignore to a large extent the fragmentary suggestions of planetary resonances to the Lemegeton beings, since no one to date has been able to demonstrate an internal logic to the planetary paradigm.

Notice that the order of the Schem angels is already determined and fixed by the order of the Biblical text from which their names are derived. The order of the Lemegeton beings, however, varies from one manuscript to another, and may therefore be altered to make the correlation to the Schems that I am suggesting.

This correlation will not be the same as that of Dr. Rudd, since he apparently simply applied the one list of beings to the other without specific regard to their qualities.

In the list below, an effort has been made to accommodate those qualities, while not violating specific textual clues and with a view to the relative appropriateness of imagery and function.

For example, Agares is assigned to the Eastern Quarter, Murmur is put in Scorpio where an association with the dead would be expected, Gaap is in the Water Quarter. beings who destroy ships are in signs designated as either Air of Water, or Water of Air, or Water of Water, and so forth.

It may be of interest that we are also able to combine the directional elements of this Wheel with the elemental assignments of the Zodiac in the Sky, such that the sub-elements may be applicable.

Thus Aries is Air of Fire; Taurus is Air of Earth; Gemini as a mutable sign is Air of Air and Fire of Air; Cancer is Fire of Water; Leo is Fire of Fire; Virgo as a mutable sign is Fire of Earth and Earth of Earth; Libra is Earth of Air; Scorpio is Earth of Water; Sagittarius as a mutable sign is Earth of Fire and Water of Fire; Capricorn (the Seagoat) is Water of Earth; Aquarius is Water of Air ; and Pisces as a mutable sign is Air of Water and Water of Water.

Aries 1 Schem--energy, military service
Berith-a soldier riding upon a red horse

Aries 2 Schem-rules over kings and princes
Baal- a king ruling in the East

Aries 3 Schem-protects from arms and beasts-keeps word
Haures-destroys the enemies of the exorcist
--will not suffer the exorcist to be tempted of any other spirit

Aries 4 Schem-governs voyages-keen for travel
Seere-transport in the twinkling of an eye

Aries 5 Schem-governs high science, occult philosophy
Amy--knowledge of astrology and liberal sciences

Aries 6 Schem- love, science, to acquire knowledge
Furfur--urges love between man and woman

Taurus 1 Schem-secrets of nature
Bathin-virtues of herbs and stones

Taurus 2 Schem-"adorable God"--good sent to Earth--agricultural productivity
Gremory-love from women--hidden treasures

Taurus 3 Schem-good faith, sincere promise--friendship of the great
Balam-true answers--great and powerful king

Taurus 4 Schem-hidden crimes and fears of discovery
Valefor--tempts the magician to steal

Taurus 5 Schem-those who become famous through their talents
Vapula-makes men knowledgeable in all handicrafts and professions

Taurus 6 Schem-reveals hidden mysteries--affable, agreeable

Volac-tells where serpents may be seen, which he will bring to the magician without any strength being by him employed

Gemini 1 Schem-friendship, reconciliation, conjugal fidelity
Beleth- causes all love that may be, both of men and of women

Gemini 2 Schem-bad angel rules over calumny, false witness
Raum-destroys cities and dignities of men

Gemini 3 Schem-useful discoveries and new methodologies
Asmoday-teaches arts of arithmetic, astronomy, geometry, and all handicrafts absolutely

Gemini 4 Schem-to obtain victory over the enemy
Halphas-furnishes ammunition and weapons

Gemini 5 Schem-to sleep well at night
Sallos-is very peaceable

Gemini 6 Schem-knowledge of truth in proceedings--magistracy
Oriax-gives dignities of prelacies and confirmation thereof

Cancer 1 Schem-memory, human intelligence
Crocell-liberal sciences--geometry

Cancer 2 Schem-rules religion, theology
Purson-answers truthfully of things of an earthly nature, both secret and divine, and of the creation of the world

Cancer 3 Schem-against calumniators--works to destroy the power of evil spirits
Marchosias--a strong fighter

Cancer 4 Schem-renown, diplomacy
Naberius-cunning in all arts and sciences, especially rhetoric

Cancer 5 Schem--against arms
Andras--his office is to sow discords

Cancer 6 Schem--against discovery of secret crimes
Forneus--causes men to have a good name

Leo 1 Schem--bad angel rules black magic,making of pacts, renouncing God
Belial--must have offerings, gifts, and sacrifices made unto him by the
exorcist

Leo 2 Schem--to win judgements and render judges favorable--diplomats,
peace treaties, secret expeditions, agents
Eligos--causes the love of Lords and great persons--discovers hidden things--
knows things to come and of wars and how the soldiers will meet

Leo 3 Schem--God who punishes the wicked--to confound wrongdoers and
liars
Andromalius--punishes all thieves and wicked people

Leo 4 Schem-protects against fire and the ruin of buildings
Aim--sets fire to cities, castles, and great places

Leo 5 Schem-religious sentiments, divine philosophy, and meditation
Paimon-very obedient unto Lucifer--reveals what the earth is, and what holds
it up in the waters, and what mind is, and where it is

Leo 6 Schem-serves against chagrin and despair
Ipos--makes men witty and bold

Virgo 1 Schem-for useful advantages in one`s profession
Cimejes-teaches perfectly grammar, logic, and rhetoric

Virgo 2 Schem-governs justice, magistrates, and attorneys-articulate-speaks
eloquently and with ease
Ronove-teaches the art of rhetoric very well--knowledge of tongues

Virgo 3 Schem-to recognize traitors, to destroy their projects and
machinations
Malphas-can inform you of your enemies desires and thoughts and that which
they have done

Virgo 4 Schem-obedience of subjects toward their princes
Bune-puts spirits in their sepulchers (maintains proper order)

Virgo 5 Schem-to return to favor with those one has offended
Botis-reconciles friends and foes

Virgo 6 Schem-uncover mislaid belongings
Shax-can discover all things that lay hidden

Libra 1 Schem-science, secrets of nature
Astaroth-makes men wonderfully knowing in liberal sciences

Libra 2 Schem-acquiring treasures of heaven and earth
Stolas-art of astronomy and the virtues of herbs and precious stones

Libra 3 Schem-God who receives sinners--to obtain the mercy of god
Sanigina-gives accounts of dead souls who died in sin

Libra 4 Schem-loves speaking, design, all sciences in general
Marax-very knowing in astronomy and all other liberal sciences

Libra 5 Schem-bad angel rules over apostates, renegades,those who dishonor
the priesthood through scandalous acts
Bifrons-a two faced being, perhaps indicating choices which lead in different
directions

Libra 6 Schem-uncovers conspiracies against government
Dantalian--to declare the secret councils of anyone

Scorpio 1 Schem-to destroy the enemy and for deliverance from slavery
Vine-buids towers, overthrows great walls

Scorpio 2 Schem-bad angel rules over war and the calamities arising from it
Glasyalobolas-author of bloodshed and manslaughter

Scorpio 3 Schem-love of learning with many resources
Andrealphas-teaches geometry perfectly- all things pertaining unto
mensuration or astronomy

Scorpio 4 Schem-reveals the greatest secrets of nature--able to resolve the
most difficult problems
Foras-gives knowledge of herbs and precious stones--teaches the arts of logic
and rhetoric in all their parts

Scorpio 5 Schem-rules over justice-passionate to acquire secret light
Murmur-constrains souls deceased to come before the exorcist to answer
questions--teaches philosophy perfectly

Scorpio 6 Schem-generation of beings, friendship, and conjugal fidelity
Zepar-cause women to love men

Sagittarius 1 Schem-for when one is tested by afflictions and one has a vexed spirit

Lerajie-cause great battles and contests, makes wounds to putrify

Sagittarius 2 Schem-gives inspiration to those encumbered by many things, who do not know how to take decisions

Gusion-shows the meaning and resolution of all questions you may ask

Sagittarius 3-raises the soul to the contemplation of divine things

Buer-teaches philosophy, both moral and natural

Sagittarius 4 Schem-quarrelsome men

Camio--a good disputer

Sagittarius 5 Schem-rules over the higher sciences

Furcas-teaches the arts of philosophy, astrology, and rhetoric

Sagittarius 6 Schem-rules emperors, kings, and princes and all civilian and ecclesiastical dignitaries. Watches over legitimate dynasties and stability of empires

Barbatus-He is a great Duke and appears when the Sun is in Sagittarius with four noble kings and their companies of great troops

Capricorn 1 Schem-rules over morality and religion

Ose-gives true answers of Divine and secret things

Capricorn 2 Schem-rules fame, fortune, and philosophy

Haagenti- to make men wise, and to instruct them in diverse things

Capricorn 3 Schem-loves the military state. Rules captains, admirals, generals, and fighters

Amon-procures feuds and reconciles controversies

Capricorn 4 Schem-distinguished by bravery and boldness--influences armourers

Sabnock-an armed soldier with Lions head-builds high towers, castles, and cities, and furnishes them with armor

Capricorn 5 Schem-loves instruction in all sciences--printing and the book trade

Alloces-teaches the art of astronomy and all the liberal sciences

Capricorn 6 Schem-influences fidelity and the obeisance of subordinates

Orobas-gives dignities and prelacies

Aquarius 1 Schem-bad angel rules libertines and homosexuals
Sitri-he enflames men with womens love, and women with mens love, and causes them to show themselves naked if so desired

Aquarius 2 Schem-to acquire wisdom--rules philosophers
Gaap- can make one knowledgeable in philosophy and liberal sciences

Aquarius 3 Schem-rules over commerce, bankers, and businessmen --bad angel rules folly and prodigality--converts nations to Christianity
Zagan-can turn all metals into the coin of the Dominion--can even make fools wise--can change water into wine

Aquarius 4 Schem-teachers, orators, and authors--distinguished in literature
Agares-teaches all languages and tongues

Aquarius 5 Schem-bad angel causes tempests, shipwrecks, and unhappy expeditions
Focalor-his office is to slay men, and to drown them in the waters, and to overthrow ships of war

Aquarius 6 Schem-brings about friendship and goodwill
Uvall-procures friendship between friends and foes

Pisces 1 Schem-influences occult sciences-reveals truth
Decarabia-to discover the virtues of birds and precious stones

Pisces 2 Schem-rules agriculture, fertility, countryside and gardens
Amduscias-can cause trees to bend and incline according to the exorcists will

Pisces 3 Schem- finds lost or hidden objects and the person who removed them
Vassago-to discover all things hidden or lost

Pisces 4 Schem-protects those who desire regeneration to the unfallen state
Phenex-has hopes to return to the seventh throne after 1200 years

Pisces 5 Schem-influences weapons, arsenals, fortresses
Vepar-guides ships laden with arms, armor, and ammunition

Pisces 6 Schem-distinguished in medicine, famous for marvelous cures
Marbas-causes diseases and cures them

If this way of structuring the Lemegeton should seem to be useful, then we might see our way to various reconciliations of modern witchcraft with ceremonial magic, since the Wheel of the Year is a fundamental paradigm for much Neo-Pagan ritualism.

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